

KAA MONTHLY MEETING

Minutes

June 23, 2018

Location: Sullivan Observatory

Time: 8:05pm - 8:30pm

Present: Bob Taylor, Gabe Klueh

Secretary's Report: Accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Club balance: June: \$1,519.17 - May: \$1,919.00.

Upcoming Events:

- *Stay tuned* for possible on-the-fly future club observing sessions. Notifications with details will be by email from Bob, Carol or Gabe.
- Sullivan Observatory work session scheduled for July 8th at 9am. Mowing.
- Peggy and the Fresh Air Kids observing session tentatively planned for mid July between the 10th and 24th.
- Our next club meeting is scheduled for July 13th at 7:30pm the Sullivan Observatory, with observing afterwards.
- Clubs next monthly observing session is scheduled for July 14th at 9pm the Sullivan Observatory, weather permitting.
- Fitzwilliam Library Observing tentatively scheduled for August 4th at 8:30pm with a rain date of the 18th, at Stacie's House in Fitzwilliam.

Old Business:

- Reminder: The KPL has sponsored an online learning program at **universalclass.com**, which includes an Astronomy 101 free course.
- Awaiting results from Jim's write up to the Night Sky Network on KAA and its Library outreach and involvement. Winners will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.
- Bob is continuing work on the AL Moon program. Has 35 more items to get out of 100.
- Observatory Work:
 - Bob and Gabe completed installation of the vinyl siding on all 4 walls on Saturday and Sunday May 26th and 27th.

- Please email Bob, Carol or Gabe if you have a presentation you would like to do or have a topic you would like us to present on the night sky, telescopes and etc. At this time we have no topic for the next meeting so we're open to suggestions.

New Business:

- Welcome to our newest club member David Hayward!
- Discuss who may want to take over the NSN program from Jim and Phinie. And find out from them who at KSC gets the material now? - **POSTPONED**
- Club expenses: Vinyl siding-\$569.64; Astronomical Dues \$47.50; Sullivan Taxes \$27.00; Annual dinner \$40.68 for a total of \$684.82.
- Bob donated halve of the siding cost for a deduct of \$284.82. The total cost to the club was \$400.00.
- Tentatively planning on going to Dublin for observing either September or October.
- We watched a short video on "Whats up for June " - highlighting observing targets of the month. We also watched a short video on "Tonight's Sky: June 2018" from the Hubble Space Telescope YouTube Channel.
- Club Viewing Reports: Bob observed Jupiter and the great red spot on June 8th.
- July presents some great observing opportunities:
 - July 1st - 11:30pm the moons of Saturn; Iapetus, Dione, Enceladus, Tethys, Rhea and Titan will be viewable in Sagittarius.
 - July 3rd & 4th - Mercury is in cancer next to the Beehive cluster at Magnitude 0.0 visible with naked eye at 7 degrees for 45 min after sunset along with Venus in Leo at Mag -4.3.
 - July 27th & 28th - Uranus (at 5.8 mag) and Neptune (at 7.8mag)will be viewable with binoculars **pre dawn**.
 - Jupiter will be viewable all month at -2.2 mag. in Libra.
 - Mars in Capricornus, closest to earth since 2003 will be better viewed at the end of July when it rises at sunset at -2.8 mag.